

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 3 are pending.

Claims 1 – 3 stand rejected.

Claims 1 – 3 have been cancelled without prejudice herein.

New Claims 4 - 20 have been added without prejudice herein.

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claims 1 – 3 of prior United States Patent No. 6,714,306. Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 – 3 without prejudice herein. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and removal of these rejections.

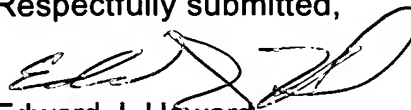
New Claims 4 – 20 have been added without prejudice herein. Applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer over United States Patent No. 6,714,306 herewith.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Applicant believes he has addressed all outstanding grounds raised by the Examiner and respectfully submits the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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